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Subject: COMMENT

I am very strongly opposed to the federal government's weakening of the Indiana Telephone Privacy law. I had a choice whether or not to add my name to Indiana's "Do Not Call List" ... and I willingly chose to add my name. I do not want to be continually bothered by pushy sales folks and fly-by-night companies offering "for a limited time only" investment opportunities / subscriptions / credit cards / vacations / swimming pools / home improvements / vitamins / exercise equipment / life insurance / health insurance / home insurance / car insurance / disability insurance / cancer insurance / tree-topping / lawn service ... and the list goes on and on.

During a recent debate with an acquaintance over the bothersome phone calls, I was told, "Then just don't answer your phone!" Yeah, right, like she would ignore a constantly ringing doorbell or repeated knocking on the front door. For those two annoyances, the police would assert them a nuisance and order the offender to stop. Why should my telephone be treated differently? It's still my private home.

The federal government put into place some general telemarketing calling restrictions and I stand behind Indiana's right to further protect its citizens' rights to privacy with more stringent laws. Let me be clear that Indiana has not imposed this law on any state resident who does not want it; it is by *choice* that names are added.

I am an Indiana resident and a U.S. citizen ... and I choose to have privacy in my home via the Indiana Telephone Privacy law. Your careful consideration and support of my privacy is appreciated.

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